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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PT0/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of July 3, 2007, follows:

- Claims 1–32

- Publications

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001–298449

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002–217896

Remarks

(Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 21 and 25): Cited Example 1

Cited Example 1 states that a security information device (corresponding to the IPsec settings server device of the present application) is connected to a network, and that the security information device manages the recommended SA (corresponding to the policy of the present application) of network connection devices (IPsec processing devices of the present application) (see paragraphs 0098—0123 and Figures 9—13).

Therefore, the inventions relating to the aforementioned claims of the present application could have been easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art based on the description in Cited Example 1.

(Claims 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 22, 26 and 29): Cited Example 1

In addition to the above, Cited Example 1 also states that a network connection device queries (corresponding to transmitting a request message in the present application) the security information device about the recommended SA of the other party's network connection device, and the queried security information device identifies and returns the recommended SA of the network connection device (see paragraphs 0104–0108).

(Claims 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 23 and 24): Cited Example 1

In addition to the above, Cited Example 1 states that the security information device, upon receiving a query about the recommended SA of the other party's network connection device, queries (corresponding to transmitting a request initiation message in the present application) the other party's network connection device for SA candidates if there is no IP address registration for the other party's network connection device (see paragraphs 0113–0117). Informing the network connection device which issued the query that there was no response if there is no response to the query is an arrangement which would be normally employed by those skilled in the art (if necessary, see also paragraph 0118).

(Claims 7, 14, 19, 27 and 31): Cited Example 1

In addition to the above, Cited Example 1 also states that the security information device manages and provides key information (see paragraph 0123).

(Claims 15 and 28): Cited Example 1

In addition to the above, Cited Example 1 also states that, upon receiving a packet from a computer, the network connection device decides whether or not to query the security information device about the recommended SA based on whether or not the destination of the packet is registered with the SPD (see paragraphs 0105–0106).

(Claims 18 and 30): Cited Example 1

In addition to the above, Cited Example 1 also states that the network connection device manages the SPD (See paragraph 0105–0106).

(Claims 20 and 32): Cited Examples 1 and 2

Cited Example 2 describes reestablishing the SA before the SA expires (see paragraphs 0028–0029).

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

- Fields searched IPC H04L 12/66
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Document D1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document D3.

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese office action are based on a translation that applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by applicants, with or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese office action.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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